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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional)	
<b>CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</b>		In re Application of <b>Vandersall et al.</b>	
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For <b>BIOPOLYMER THICKENE FIRE RETARDANT COMPOSITIONS</b>			
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- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
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- I am the ☐ applicant/inventor
- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
- ☒ attorney or agent of record.
- ☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).  
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